

Program Cost — Associate Program

The total expected investment for the Associate Program is approximately \$4,200, plus contingencies, spanning an average four-year journey to PGA of America Membership.

Here is a breakdown of the specific fees and costs associated with your development pathway:

Qualification and Registration Costs

- **Qualifying Level Portal Access to Online Courses:** A fee of \$200 grants access to the necessary introductory courses for nine months. If the Qualifying Test is not successfully passed within this nine-month period, a \$200 renewal fee is required.
- **Playing Ability Test (PAT) Entry Fee:** Each attempt at the PAT costs \$150, plus any additional fees mandated by the Section or Facility.
- **Background Check Fee:** A one-time fee of \$65 is required for the comprehensive background screening.
- **Level 1 Program Registration Fee:** Registering for Level 1 requires a \$200 payment.
- **Level 1 Portal Access to Online Courses:** The cost for accessing the online Level 1 course materials is \$560.

Annual Dues and Membership Fees

- **Associate National Fee:** This fee is \$85 and is paid at the time of registration and annually in May thereafter.
- **Section Fee:** This cost varies by Section and is paid upon registration and annually with National Dues.

Educational Fees

- **Level 1 Seminar Session:** The mandatory virtual seminar session costs \$750.
- **Level 2 Course Access:** Accessing the online Level 2 Course Manuals specific to your chosen career path costs \$350.
- **Level 2 Seminar Session:** The required five-day, in-person seminar at the Home of the PGA of America in Frisco, TX costs \$750.
- **Level 3 Course Access:** Accessing the online Level 3 Course Manuals specific to your chosen career path costs \$350.
- **Level 3 Seminar Session:** The required five-day, in-person seminar at the Home of the PGA of America in Frisco, TX costs \$750.

Examination and Contingency Costs

- **Level 3 Associate Final Exam Fee:** The final examination costs \$21* (Note: this test fee is paid directly to PGA's testing provider and is subject to change).
- **Test Retake Fees:** Fees for retaking the PAT and Associate Exams are additional and not included in the standard program costs.
- **Travel and Lodging Costs:** As a PGA Associate, you are personally responsible for securing and paying for all travel arrangements, including airfare, rental car, hotel, and meals, as these expenses are not included in the seminar fee.